



## NEWS FROM THE 1st DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

I believe our nation needs to openly address the fact that Donald Trump's bizarre and dishonest behavior in office is degrading the United States Presidency and making our world less safe. That is why this week I voted 'present' on Congressman Green's articles of impeachment and added my name as a cosponsor of stronger and more comprehensive articles of impeachment, [H.Res.621](#), which focus on President Trump's attempts to obstruct justice throughout the FBI's investigation of his campaign's ties to Russia and his attacks on our Constitution, including the First Amendment and the Emoluments Clause.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, a former military spouse, and an advocate for our troops and their families, I have been appalled to see the Commander in Chief repeatedly make outrageous and irresponsible public statements that put our troops in more danger, insult our allies, and weaken our alliances. Many Members of Congress, including myself, agree with Republican Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Bob Corker that President Trump poses a dangerous threat to national security and the future of our democracy. I believe it is past time for Members of Congress to put country before party and bring these discussions out into the open.

### **Working towards dental care for veterans**

Dental health is an essential component of medical health for every American, including veterans. Health insurance shouldn't end at the neck, and neither should the VA's standard medical benefits package. That's why this week I introduced a bill to offer dental care to all veterans. Thanks to Londonderry veteran Dennis Martin for inspiring this bill with a question at my August Town Hall Meeting in Manchester.

### **Fighting for paid leave**

This week, the House Education and Workforce Committee held a hearing on workplace leave policies. I questioned three witnesses selected by the Republican majority who oppose paid leave requirements.

Watch here:



### **Standing against a tax giveaway to the wealthiest**

On Monday, I voted to stop House Republicans from continuing to rush their tax giveaway for the wealthy through Congress while keeping the public in the dark. Republicans have drafted this bill with zero public hearings and have refused to allow any Democratic amendments, shutting Democratic Members of Congress and the people we represent out of the process on a hugely consequential piece of legislation. Unfortunately, House Republicans rammed the motion through on a party-line vote, and have now set the stage for a vote on final passage of their reverse-Robin-Hood tax scam.

### **Advocating for safer, not looser, gun laws**

I voted against the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, which passed the House by a vote of 231-198, because it would undermine states' rights and would expose law enforcement officers to lawsuits and an increased risk of harm. That's why leading law enforcement organizations, including the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Police Executive Research Forum, are opposing this bill. Moreover, at a time when the majority of Americans want Congress to work on bipartisan solutions that address the national epidemic of gun violence, passing the NRA's top legislative priority to loosen gun safety laws takes us in the wrong direction.

### **Defending multilateralism in the Middle East**

President Trump's plan to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem threatens American credibility in the region and undermines efforts to negotiate an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement. The status of Jerusalem is one of the most sensitive topics in these discussions, and should be part of a negotiated settlement between Israel and Palestine, not dictated through unilateral action by the President of the United States. As a Member of the House Armed Services Committee, I am deeply concerned that this decision could provoke increased violence and instability in the region, and I believe it is a harmful setback to efforts to revive the peace process.

### **Closing thoughts**

This week, I enjoyed calling in to the WZID Christmas is for Kids Radiothon.



You can learn more about the drive [here](#). Wishing you and your family a wonderful beginning of the holiday season!

Best wishes,

*Carol Shea-Porter*

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#### **Recent Press Releases**

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- [Shea-Porter Statement on Trump Impeachment Vote](#)
- [Shea-Porter Statement on Trump Administration Decision to Move US Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem](#)
- [Shea-Porter Introduces Veterans Dental Coverage Bill](#)  
[Shea-Porter Votes Against Sending GOP Tax Bill to Conference](#)

#### **ICYMI**

##### **Former Trump Adviser Flynn Pleads Guilty to Lying to FBI**

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Former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn has pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about his

contacts with the Russian ambassador. As the FBI investigation into Russian interference in the U.S. presidential election in 2016, multiple news outlets report allegations that President Trump pressured certain senators to end the probe. U.S. Rep. Carol Shea-Porter, D-N.H., in a statement on the Flynn guilty plea, said she would work "to stop the Trump administration from interfering with the Mueller special counsel probe's independence, because the American people deserve the truth and nothing less."



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